

Healthy Communities Water Supply Act, originally introduced last Congress, needed now more than ever

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) continued the effort to address the growing water supply crisis in California.

The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act, H.R. 700, will authorize \$250 million – double the 2007 program.

“California may soon be facing one of the most severe droughts in state history. Yet the state’s population continues to grow.”

The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2009 amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to encourage innovation in water supply.

“This is an important bill which encourages innovation by authorizing funding for pilot projects to develop new water supply technologies.”

Previously, State Revolving Loan Funds and Clean Water Act construction grants were available for identifying and constructing new water supply projects.

H.R. 700 was introduced today and will be referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.